



P.O.K. Protecting Our Kids.



For Kids Only: Pledge to Be an Honest Web Surfer

Engaging in illegal activities can hurt you and members of your family. Perpetrators of Internet crimes are easily traceable, thanks to sophisticated tracking tools used by law enforcement and Internet companies that are at risk for product theft. If you are committing online crime, getting caught is only a matter of time.

Make a pledge not to abuse your Internet privileges. You can be an Honest Web Surfer by promising to follow the **Code of Conduct for Honest Web-surfers**:

- **I will** talk to my parents about what I'm doing online and discuss with them the Web sites I'm visiting.
- **I promise** not to talk to people whom I do not know, and I promise I will never give any stranger my telephone number or address.
- **I promise** not to add anyone to my IM buddy list that I met in a chat room because I do not know if they are who they claim to be.
- **I promise** to immediately let my parents or guardian know if a stranger tries to contact me while online, whether by e-mail or an Instant Message.
- **I promise** not to surf sites that are bad for me – including sex sites, hate sites, or sites that talk about violence or drugs.
- **I will not** sabotage my parents' ability to be the administrator of our computer.
- **For my own safety, I will** give my online passwords to my parents if they ask for them.
- **I will never** agree to meet anyone with whom I become acquainted online.
- **I promise** not to download any music that my parents or I have not purchased or was not available for free.
- **I will never** hack into and/or destroy any computer system.
- **I promise** not to create any business or auction any goods online, either directly or for someone else.
- **I will never** make purchases using someone else's credit card number. That is a crime.
- **For my own safety, I will not** chat with any of the following individuals: hackers, bootlegged software peddlers, and members of hate groups or religious cults. They can expose me to danger and illegal activity.
- **I will not** use the Internet to threaten, harass, or bully anyone. I will not participate in email attacks on others, and I promise not to post messages damaging to another person's reputation.
- **I agree** to follow these rules because I care about what may happen to me, to my parents, to other persons, and to my country.

Signed: _____ Date: _____